

# Weekly Intelligencer.

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The Boies is pushing things in Iowa.

During the week \$1,500,000 of gold has been shipped from Europe to the United States.

From the amount of stacked wheat in the country, one must suppose that that Alliance cerealist is right.

How Ed Noland must congratulate himself that it was the state treasury instead of the Corder bank that he struck.

Germany has raised the embargo on American pork. This opens a good market for the stony product of Lexington.

If the tariff on sugar wasn't a tax, why do the republicans make such a how over saving the people so much taxes on sugar?

The road fund of this county is clearly inadequate to its purpose. The county court ought to have the power and the nerve to increase it.

Execution of the law by vigilance committees may save a little expense to the people, but Missouri can hardly afford to measure reputation with dollars and cents.

The Journal thinks that Missouri would have done better to have begun hanging bank robbers twenty years ago. So it would. But does the Journal remember how hard it was to catch one of that class then?

Through the kindness of Rev. E. C. Gordon, the INTELLIGENCER will be able to furnish its readers with a very able article on silver by a strong writer in the Richmond Va. Dispatch. It is a veritable eye opener.

It requires more than one bank robbery to make a man famous. If Frank and Jesse James had stopped at the robbing of the Galatin bank and the killing of Captain Sheets, their reputations wouldn't have been worth shucks.

Almost every day's experience increases our admiration of the man who wrote:

If I should rob a single bank,  
I'd rob a dozen more.  
I'd be great and not get hung,  
Like Lon McFadden, sure.

A resident of Lexington owns a town lot in a thriving town in Kansas. The lot was assessed at \$300. He has just paid his 1890 taxes and the amount was nearly \$25. In many localities in Kansas the tax is six percent of the valuation. No wonder Kansans are in favor of two per cent money.

Johnnie Sherman and Willie McKinley seem disposed to smoke Governor Campbell out on the silver question in Ohio. They are not doing this to avoid or to obscure the tariff issue, but because there are a few small democrats in the Buckeye state who study the financial condition from gold-bug text books.

The all-purpose horse ring of Saturday forenoon, at the fair grounds was one of the most creditable horse shows ever made in western central Missouri. Among the special beauties, was a chestnut from an adjoining county and a bay, the property of Tyree brothers. This horse was certainly a fine specimen of his kind.

## OPPOSED TO LYNCH LAW.

There is little that can be said in justification of the act of a mob in hanging Alonzo McFadden to a tree near Corder, last Monday night. True, McFadden was a robber. He was desperate, ruffian and criminal. He had just entered a bank, and standing guard over the cashier, threatening him with death if he moved, enabled a comrade to sweep into a bag all the money of the bank and make away with it. He had fled the town, firing upon inoffensive citizens as he rode away, nor surrendered, until overpowered by numbers.

There is, there can be no sympathy for this ruthless bandit. He had robbery in his hand. He had murder in his heart. No one cares for him. Doubtless he deserved the fate he met. Society is safer for his taking off. A valuable warning has been given to evil doers of his ilk.

But there is another phase to this tragedy. McFadden had surrendered to an officer. He was in the hands of officers of the law. He belonged to the state. He had committed a bold and reckless crime. He was taken with a portion of the stolen money on his person. He made no denial of his guilt. There was no reasonable doubt that if put on trial, conviction and punishment would swiftly follow.

It is an easy thing to bring such a man as McFadden to the bar of judgment. An easy thing to mete out to him the fullest penalty of the law. With this state of affairs prevailing, the INTELLIGENCER does not hesitate to assert that the mob committed a grave offense when it wrested the prisoner from the hands of the officers and led him away to his death. This was an assault upon the law. It was an attack upon the state. The prisoner was in good and safe hands. The courts of Lafayette county have shown themselves entirely sufficient to take care of even more aggravated cases than this one, and however vile and monstrous a crime may be committed, the people of Lafayette county cannot afford to delegate to a mob the execution of the law.

The law's vindication is worth more than all the robbers in the state. It is worth more than all the money ever carried off by this robber. To preserve it inviolable is the first duty of the citizen. It is violation by the robbers in an offense. Its violation by good men, even though committed when they are moved by a fit of temporary madness is also a serious matter. It is aggravated, when to carry out their purpose they assault the law through its legally appointed representative.

## PARTY HONOR.

Far beyond the memory of man, far beyond all history, far beyond all tradition it was the aim of men to rule over other men. In the past ages men ruled over other men, by virtue of superior physical strength. As the world grew older men came to rule through what was claimed to be a divine right, and kingly power was the tyrant's guardian of oppression.

It was not until the American Revolution, when the people broke away from the tyranny of kings, that men became recognized as sovereigns. The sword of George Washington cut through the shackles of enslaved humanity, and the guns of the revolution shattered the "Dei Gratia" of the petty claimants to a divine right to oppress their fellow men. The grace of God, it was found, showered its blessings upon freemen as lavishly as it did upon tyrants and titled despots.

Under the kingly rule of the European powers grew lesser tyrants and titled aristocrats, people with pedigree like a short-horned cow, who united with a dishonest royalty to hold the people in bondage. The object of this bondage was robbery and oppression.

It was with a jealous eye the big and little robbers of Great Britain, of Germany, and of other lesser European kingdoms, gazed upon the success and prosperity of the American people. Once Great Britain attempted to humiliate the proud little Republic which the courage of Washington and the genius of Jefferson had established, but in turn was duly humbled and her myrmidons sent back home discomfited. The other powers have had the good sense to never try to follow England's example. But a watch was kept. The crowned heads of the east must not permit the Republic to succeed if they could prevent it. Opportunity was watched for that would give them an advantage.

The secession of the southern states was hailed by them as auspicious. They saw in it possibly the dissolution of the union. That meant division and weakness. But disruption did not come. The breach was closed and the American people became one nation again.

Where could Europe strike so as to weaken its American rival and bend it to its service?

The only hope was through money control. Americans had thrown off the control of kings. Could they throw off the thrall and tyranny of a money power? If Europe could control the fiscal policy of the United States the enslavement of the American people could yet be accomplished. Enslavement meant robbery, oppression; subjecting them to a tyranny worse than the Jews when bonded to the Egyptians.

A few American capitalists were seen. These proved pliable to essential overtures. There was money in Ohio. There was power. There was opportunity for oppression, and bond age under that. To become masters of the American people, they consented to become the slaves of European plutocrats. For the privilege of plundering the many they became the vassals of the enemies of their country.

The first step was the issuing of vast quantities of government bonds. The government needed money. The capitalists exchanged their money for government bonds at a ruinous discount. Then at hand, these bonds became the life of the national bank issue. This suited the bondholders, because it gave him control of the money supply. That was too large to suit his purpose and he secured the retirement of the treasury notes and several hundred millions of greenbacks.

The government debt amounting to \$2,400,000,000 was funded in bonds payable in silver and gold. The silver dollar contained 412½ grains of silver 9-10ths fine. The gold dollar contained 23.22 grains of gold 9-10ths fine. Then it was discovered that the silver mines of the mountain ranges of the west were promising a very large yield of metal. It might become impossible for all the capitalists and bondholders to control the volume of money. It might become possible for the people to pay without much trouble the debt that was upon them and which was payable in silver. The annual output promised to reach \$150,000,000. It would not be possible to stamp a money out of the ground every year.

European capitalists became alarmed. The American people were about to escape the meshes woven for them. Great Britain had no silver mines at home and had demonetized that metal. Germany had no silver mines of any consequence, and the United States in no manner so effectively as by demonetizing silver and depressing its value. The American capitalists objected to the interests of their European masters and desiring to serve them rather than their debt laden countrymen joined readily in the demand for the demonetization of silver. This would please their European masters. It would also make money scarce and harder to get. It would enhance interest rates. It would increase the value of gold and enhance every debt payable in gold or silver. In this behalf was silver demonetized.

It was not in response to any demand of the American people that this was done. There were no petitions from its people asking the dropping out of the silver dollar. It was not even debated in congress. It was done surreptitiously. It was done under cover and clandestinely. No red-headed assassin ever approached his victim, but a subtle dagger was plunged into the more stealthy than did the enemies of the people when stabbing the silver dollar to the heart. So secretly was it done that even President Grant didn't know it for a year.

It was the crowning infamy of crime against the liberties and interests of the American people. The object was to control the circulating medium and to control the laborer through his wages.

## BOOM EDITION.

The INTELLIGENCER's boom edition will appear about the 19th, inst. A valuable advertising medium, not less than 6,000 copies to be printed and circulated.

No charge for writing up individual interests, but extra papers will be for sale at 5 cents a copy, which will be our only source of revenue, to pay for extra work, papers, etc.

An enterprise for the sole benefit of our city, will be the best effort of the kind ever made here, if we are properly assisted by citizens.

The INTELLIGENCER will be double the regular size—contain cuts of public and private house, persons, etc.

Have procured the assistance of H. Homer Lane, an experienced newspaper man, well-known to many in this city and county as a forcible writer. He has written up a large number of the best towns in the state, past year, including the cities of Trenton, Camden, Pittsburg, Richmond and Warrensburg, and citizens of these places acknowledge to be the best and cheapest advertising towns can have.

There is some of the most villainous roadway between Lexington and Higginsville on the Salt pond road in the world. There is a branch between the road and the railroad that needs a bridge, worse than a small boy ever needed a licking. The INTELLIGENCER man was along there Monday. He found workmen trying to repair the break by picking out rotten logs and replacing them with new ones. But there is neither sense nor economy in trying slipshod expedients like that. The court should without delay have the road bridged.

John Sherman has the better end of the republican campaign in Ohio. The gold-bugs will pay him a good deal more for his anti-silver speeches, than the manufacturers will pay McKinley for his defense of protection.

John Sherman has the effrontery to say that he was not the father of the crime of demonetization. No matter what he says, honest people know better.

Governor Campbell and his opponent, Mr. McKinley, are to have a joint discussion of political issues this month or next. It will be worth going miles to hear.

## Higginsville.

The local committee informs us that the plan of the executive committee of the State Confederate Association now, is to begin the erection of the main building at the soldiers' home by the first of January if not earlier. It is to be a large brick structure, for which something like \$30,000 will be expended.

## Bates City.

We need a bank in Bates City. J. B. Williamson shipped a load of wheat to St. Louis.

Capt. Wilkerson shipped Wednesday two loads of hogs to Kansas City.

Some of the country schools have commenced; more of them next week.

Our farmers are busily plowing for wheat and many are threshing and hauling.

One load of hogs has been received from Kansas City for J. H. Hall & Co., Chapel Hill.

John Foster shipped five car loads of wheat, about 500 bushels each, to Chicago, also one load of hogs to Kansas City.

Three hundred and twenty dollars worth of railroad tickets were lately sold by the agent here for the Chicago and Alton road, local and excursion.

The protracted meeting is still going on at the Christian church and will continue at least until next Sunday night. Preaching every night during the week.

Odessa. Farmers busy plowing for wheat. John Davis was in town Tuesday.

Blankets are in demand these nights. T. W. Carmichael spent Sunday in town.

John Blucher is lying at death's door with typhoid fever.

Houses are in great demand in Odessa, everyone being occupied.

Fred Bates has completed his new dwelling and is moving into it this week.

Miss Tina Thompson, who has been visiting friends in Independence for the past two weeks, returned home Monday.

Prof. Major opened the college Tuesday morning, with the highest prospects ever in the history of that institution.

Mrs. Barnett and family have rented their farm and moved back to their city residence, where George will attend school the coming winter.

## Concordia.

The public school of this place will start Monday.

J. H. Cordes left this vicinity for Pittsburg, Kas., Wednesday.

Dr. Leuten, or this place, moved to Benton county last Tuesday.

A. Althoff, Jr., left last Sunday for Elmhurst, Ill., where he will attend college.

## COUNTY FAIR.

The following premiums were awarded at the meeting last week of the Lafayette County Fair Association at Higginsville:

Horses and Mules.  
Pair horses for buggy, G. L. Chrisman, 1st premium; L. B. Burton, 2d premium. Carriage horses, any sex, C. Logsdon, 1st; G. L. Chrisman, 2d.

SADDLE STALLIONS.  
Best saddle stallion, 1 year and over, T. S. & J. Harrison, 1st; L. M. Monsees, 2d. Best saddle stallion, 3 years and over, J. H. Potts, 1st.

BRUYS HORSES.  
Mare, any age, C. Logsdon, 1st; Ed. Huser, 2d. Gelding, any age, G. L. Chrisman, 1st; C. L. Logsdon, 2d.

DRAFT HORSES.  
Stallions 3 and over, Russell & Catron, 1st; J. F. Crist, 2d. Stallion, 1 and under 2, M. G. Bray, 1st; Mare 2 and under 3, L. H. Schneider, 1st and 2d.

Mare, 1 and under 2, L. H. Schneider, 1st; Mare, under 1 year, C. W. Sharp, 1st; Stallion, any age, J. F. Crist, 1st; E. J. Litter, 2d.

Mare, any age, M. G. Bray, 1st; W. C. Beattie, 2d. Mare and gelding 2 and under 3, Nell Todhunter, 1st; Ed. Huser, 2d.

Mare or gelding 1 and under 2, John Willis, 1st; J. Chittenden, 2d. Mare under 1 year, J. D. Zentmeyer, 1st; J. W. Burton, 2d.

SADDLE GELDINGS.  
Gelding, 4 years and over, Harrison Bros., 1st; L. M. Monsees, 2d. Gelding, under 4 years, W. C. Beattie, 1st; W. Z. Hickman, 2d.

Mare, 4 years and over, L. M. Monsees, 1st; J. A. Potts, 2d. Colt, any sex, J. O. Whitsett, 1st; E. L. Burton, 2d.

BREEDING STOCK.  
Stallion, any age, and 2 of his get, Irvin Withers, 1st; Frank C. Stewart, 2d. Jack, any age, and 2 of his get, J. F. Crist, 1st.

Mare, any age, and 2 of her get, W. C. Beattie, 1st. Jennet, any age, and 2 of her get, J. L. Bray, 1st; W. B. Bray, 2d.

MODEL HORSES.  
Any age or sex, J. A. Potts, 1st; G. L. Chrisman, 2d.

HARNESS HORSES.  
Stallion, 3 and over, C. Logsdon, 1st; J. B. Gentry, 2d.

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Stallion under 1 year, C. L. Ewing, 1st; T. B. Campbell, 2d. Mare, 2 and under 3, L. M. Monsees, 1st; T. Lafon, 2d.

Mare, under 1 year, Jos. R. Barnett, 1st; F. C. Stewart, 2d. Stallion, any age, L. M. Monsees, 1st; J. A. Potts, 2d.

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ROADSTERS.  
Mare, any age, C. Logsdon, 1st and 2d. Gelding, any age, C. Logsdon.

CLEVELAND BAYS.  
Best Cleveland bay or coach stallion, Ed. Huser, 1st; R. F. Warren, 2d.

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Best male, any age or sex, J. O. Whitsett, 1st; J. L. Bray, 2d. Best stallion, any age, L. M. Monsees, 1st; Tyree Bros. Mayview, 2d.

Best mare, any age, L. M. Monsees, 1st; Ed. Huser, 2d. Best gelding, any age, S. and J. Harrison, 1st.

Best suckling colt, J. D. Zentmeyer, 1st; Frank C. Stewart, 2d.

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